



September 2011

Chaffee Trail Newsletter

Duval County Public Schools



Mark Your Calendar

September 2nd -Flag Raising and Kick off to Annual Reading Challenge 8:30am Special Guest Sharks Players -Vladimir Richard and Marco Capozzoli

September 5th—Labor Day—no school

September 6th—Book Fair Begins (September 6th-9th)

September 7th—Early Dismissal

September 8th—Open House Grades K-2, 6:00pm-7:00pm—Grades 3-5, 7:00pm to 8:00pm

September 11th—SAC School Advisory Council meeting

September 21st— Early Dismissal



Flag Raising - Reading Challenge for 2012

September 2nd
8:30 am

Special Guest—Shark Players Vladimir Richard and Marco Capozzoli



Reading it Forward



“Read It Forward Jax” will focus on improving reading performance in grades K-12. “Read It Forward Jax” campaign will partner city, business, faith based, and non-profit leaders throughout the community to share in helping teach Jacksonville’s children

How Can You Read it Forward?

Challenge: Help start an epidemic in Jacksonville...Approach three people and say, “What are you reading?” Discuss briefly and then challenge them to READ IT FORWARD by asking three other people.

Talk: Talk, talk, talk! Talk with your children about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation and build on words you’ve talked about in the past.

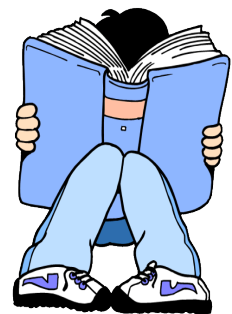
Parent Power!

Parents– Duval County will offer a series of professional development courses for parents. Courses will be live and online with the new courses being offered often. The only thing you will need to do it register via the Duval County school’s webpage. How can you make education a priority and legacy in your family? By adopting the following principles:



- Be responsible - Accept your role as the parent and make education a priority in your home.
- Be committed—Once you have begun the work with your child, continue doing so throughout the year.
- Be positive– Praise goes a long way with children, especially with those who struggle in school. Provide positive feedback.
- Be patient—Show your child that you care through your commitment and encouragement
- Be attentive—Stop your child immediately when bad behavior appears. Show him or her what to do and provide an opportunity to do it correctly. Discipline should be appropriate and consistent.
- Be precise—Provide clear and direct instructions.
- Be mindful of mistakes— Record your child’s performance. Look over all the work your child brings home from school and keep it in a folder. Help him or her correct any errors.
- Be results oriented - Gather information how your child is performing in school. Keep notes of conferences with teachers, request progress reports and carefully read report cards and achievement test results. Ask questions.
- Be diligent—Work from the beginning to the end of the year with your children and teacher.
- Be innovative—Keep learning lively and dynamic.
- Be There— Just be there for your child—to answer questions, to listen, to give advice, to encourage and to speak positively about his or her life. Be there to support your child whenever needed.

Information from the USDOE Parent Power <http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>



"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."
 ~Clay P. Bedford

Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are excited to have your child join us at Chaffee Trail. It is very important your child gets a good night's sleep. Our days are filled with instruction from the minute the students walk through the door, to the minute they leave. Students should be in their classroom no later than 8:30. Any students entering the room after that time will be considered late and will need to get a tardy slip from the front office.

Please remember to read and sign your child's planner each

day. Important information from your child's class as well as school is sent home via the planner. Your child's success is a school and home team effort. Reading a book at home each day is a great way for you to help. Don't forget to log the books you read each night in the Reading Book Log. Once you have 25 books filled in, send it to school with your child and their teacher will send home a new one.

We hope to see you at Open House on Thursday, September 8th from 6:00-

7:00pm. You will be able to see what your child has been learning and receive important information from their teacher. Thank you for your support in helping your child succeed. At Chaffee Trail, we are "Growing Great Minds!"



First Grade

Welcome to First Grade! As the school year begins, students are learning rituals and routines for their classroom and the school. Students are building a classroom community together as we learn about each other and helpers throughout our community. In Writers Workshop students will be writing stories about themselves as we begin

Our Narrative Writing Genre. During Readers Workshop students are learning strategies to help them become a better reader. Please read with your student nightly to ensure their success! We are growing great mathematicians this year as we build number sense in our students. You can help at home by reviewing numbers and

math facts. Homework will begin the week after Labor Day! We are looking forward to a fantastic year of "Growing Great First Grader's"!!

Chaffee Trail Vision

- Engage Students in Meaningful Work
- Empower Them to Become Responsible for Their Own Learning, so that they
- Excel as Productive Citizens



Second Grade

Welcome to second grade! We are very busy planting the seeds of habits that will provide your children with the ability to grow as readers, writers, mathematicians, and scientists. This month will be spent learning about the author Vera B. Williams, analyzing her texts, and responding to these books as writers. You can support your child at home by read-

ing and talking about books by this special author. As mathematicians, we will learn to analyze and represent data in the form of a graph, as well as, working with place value, addition strategies, and comparing numbers. As scientists, we will be using the scientific process to study rocks and soil. Be on the look out for non-fiction materials on

these subjects to share with both your student and their class. We look forward to working with your family to cultivate a garden of learners!



Third Grade:

Third Grade is “growing great minds” with some fabulous new teachers to our garden. We welcome Mrs. Harwell and Mrs. Gelarderes to our very special team. As of the first day of school third grade is off and sprouting new seedlings in the classrooms. The students are learning and reviewing rituals and routines. In math your child will be learning about place value, estimation, and addition/subtraction. Science classes will be sprouting actual plants this fall. In reader and writer’s workshop children are establishing routines through district anchor lessons. Some lessons include, choosing the right book, the

purposes of reading, and discussing the 25 book goal. We are so glad to partner with you in “Growing Great Minds” this 2011-12 school year.



“Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.”

~William A. Ward

Fourth Grade

In writing we are beginning the school year by jumping into our Narrative writing genre. In this genre the children will learn to write creative stories. We asked that they include details and writing crafts that entertain their readers with “mind movies.” While studying Narratives, the children will learn and practice conventions such as proper capitalization and grammar usage, as well as, how to punctuate their writing appropriately. Reading the first nine weeks, will start with an overview of reading strategies that good readers use to help them comprehend what they’ve read. Some of those strategies include making predictions and summarizing their thoughts. Please also look for your child to be bringing home a folder with the requirements for completing the 25 book campaign.

In math we are starting with Numeration. Numeration includes concepts such as understanding place value and the different ways numbers can be written. For example, a number can be written in words, in standard form, and in expanded notation. In social studies our focus will be on Florida geography. We rotate from social studies to science so that the two subjects don’t overlap. Our fourth grade team is really looking forward to having the privilege to teach your children this school year. We can’t wait to meet you all at Open House!



Get Your OnCourse Password

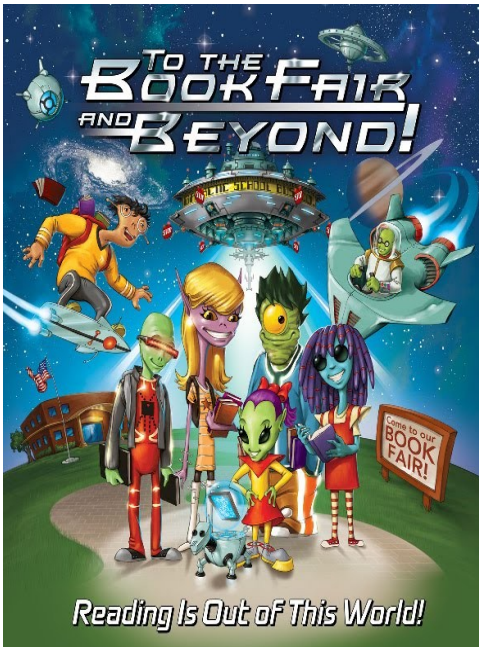
- Where: Cafeteria
- When: Sept. 8th Open House
- Who : See Mrs. Doyle for password
- What: OnCourse Login and Password for students new to Duval County. If you received an OnCourse password previously it has not changed.
- Why: To check your child’s attendance, grades, and teacher’s website daily

Fifth Grade

Language Arts: To begin the school year, we will review expectations and standards and help students get organized to set the tone for the year. We use District Anchor Lessons which include: Choosing Books, Reading a Variety of Texts, Using Reading Logs, Partner Reading, Accountable Book Discussions, Maintaining a Sourcebook, and more. We will also begin assessing students to determine appropriate small-group lessons to better meet the needs of our students.

Math & Science: In Math and Science we will also be reviewing the rituals and routines that are expected throughout the year. For math, we will be starting off with division and how it relates to multiplication. Science starts with explorations of how scientists measure and the properties of matter. We will be assessing students to determine their prior knowledge to determine small-groups to better help the needs of the students.

[http://
www.duvalschools.org/](http://www.duvalschools.org/)



Chaffee Trail Book Fair
Sept 6th-9th

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2011-2012
Open House
September 8th

Kindergarten thru Second Grade 6:00pm-7:00pm

Third thru Fifth Grade 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Book Fair open from 6:00 to 8:00

Hope to See You There!



October 6th—Picture day

